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Pacific Island Fisheries; 2015 Harvest Guideline; Northwestern
Hawaiian Islands Lobster

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of lobster harvest guideline.

SUMMARY: NMFS establishes the annual harvest guideline for the
commercial lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
for calendar year 2015 at zero lobsters.

DATES: [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
(NWHI) commercial lobster fishery is managed under the Fishery
Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaiian Archipelago. The regulations at
50 CFR 665.252(b) require NMFS to publish an annual harvest
guideline for lobster Permit Area 1, comprised of Federal waters
around the NWHI. Regulations governing the Papahānaumokuākea
Marine National Monument in the NWHI prohibit the unpermitted

removal of monument resources (50 CFR 404.7), and establish a zero annual harvest guideline for lobsters (50 CFR 404.10(a)). Accordingly, NMFS establishes the harvest guideline for the NWHI commercial lobster fishery for calendar year 2015 at zero lobsters. Thus, no harvest of NWHI lobster resources is allowed.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

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